



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Success !

Improved Walleye Fishing

Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery, partnered with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, has improved walleye fishing, thanks to an annual operating grant of \$190,000 from the State agency plus their assistance in collecting broodstock and eggs. Lake Sakakawea alone has benefitted immensely. Since the partnership began, 30 million walleye fingerlings have been stocked into this 185-mile-long reservoir. Tagging studies show a 50 percent increase in young walleye from stocking by the national fish hatchery. Across North Dakota, stocked walleye account for 75 percent of all fish available to anglers where one in six North Dakotans fish. The total economic benefits from angling in North Dakota approaches \$392 million annually, where the total annuyal expenditures by Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery is comparatively much less, at \$250,000.